Brick Row 124-130 South Washington Street Easton, Maryland 21601 T-18 C1850

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#### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This structure stands on the east side of South Washington Street south of the Washington Street commercial district. It faces west.

The flat fronted structure of brick is twelve bays long and about thirty feet deep. Two stories in height, it is covered by a gable roof which is finished with a cornice and return. The row was originally divided into four units, each three bays with a side entrance and stair. The units were one room wide and one room deep on the first floor. To the rear are two two-story ells each providing an additional two rooms per floor. A central passage way with round arch entrance provides access to the rear court. Brick, dark pink in color, is laid in common bond.

Windows are regularly spaced in groups of three per unit. The window openings have flat unmolded wooden lintels and sills and four over four sashes. The first floor windows are taller than those on the second floor. Louvered shutters at each window appear to be original.

The entrance to each unit has round arch opening filled with a stuccoed panel in the transom. Fluted pilasters with capitals flank the openings. Although these details, the semicircular panel and the pilasters, are in keeping with the stylistic character of the structure and very well proportioned, irregularities in the brick work above the arch indicate that the arches are later additions. Originally the door would have had a simple flat wooden lintel like the windows, and a rectangular opening. The pilasters and trim are probably additions; above each pilaster is a small sunburst.

The entrance doors appear to be twentieth century replacements; probably they were added when the structure was divided into first and second floor units. Interior window and door have simple, very flat trim. The structure is now used as offices and a shop. It appears to have had a number of alterations and renovations through the years, the most recent being in 1975. The structure is pleasant and very well maintained.

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#### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The building is significant for its architecture. Almost certainly constructed as a type of lower-cost housing, this structure represents a form of row buildings common in many cities and towns but unusual in Easton. Unlike the other row buildings of Washington Street, this single structure was designed to contain four units. A relatively inexpensive way of providing housing for several families, this building may have been constructed as factory dwellings.

Today, it is a pleasant, well-scaled addition to Easton's oldest and most urban street.

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY Maryland STATE INVENTORY Talbot COUNTY Easton VICINITY TOWN 1-18 2 NAME Factory Row Houses STREET NO. 124-130 S. Washington St. DATE OF PERIOD C. 1850 ORIGINAL OWNER STYLE Federal Dwellings ORIGINAL USE ARCHITECT PRESENT OWNER BUILDER Dwellings PRESENT USE 3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE WALL CONSTRUCTION Common Bond Brick

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

NO. OF STORIES 2 with attic

OPEN TO PUBLIC

This is a row of attractive yet very plain brick row houses of a late Federal design. The houses are 2 storeys high with an attic and a gently pitched A-roof. There are 4 entryways and each house is 3 bays wide. In the center of the row is an areaway with a rounded brick arch. This areaway permits access to the rear of the property. The windows are all 4/4 Victorian sashes. All the windows have flat white wooden lintels and sills. The four doors have rounded brick arches and are framed by simple pilasters. The four dwellings share two common chimneys. All of the windows have what appears to be original shutters.

The simplicity of design of these houses and their small scale make it quite conceivable that they were originally constructed as

a row of houses for factory workers.

At present they are well-maintained. Pleasing in appearance they add Charm to Easton and if they are factory houses they are also notable for that fact. This is a very nice row of good simple brick structures of a late Federal design.

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered

Interior

Exterior very good



6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)

7. PHOTOGRAPH

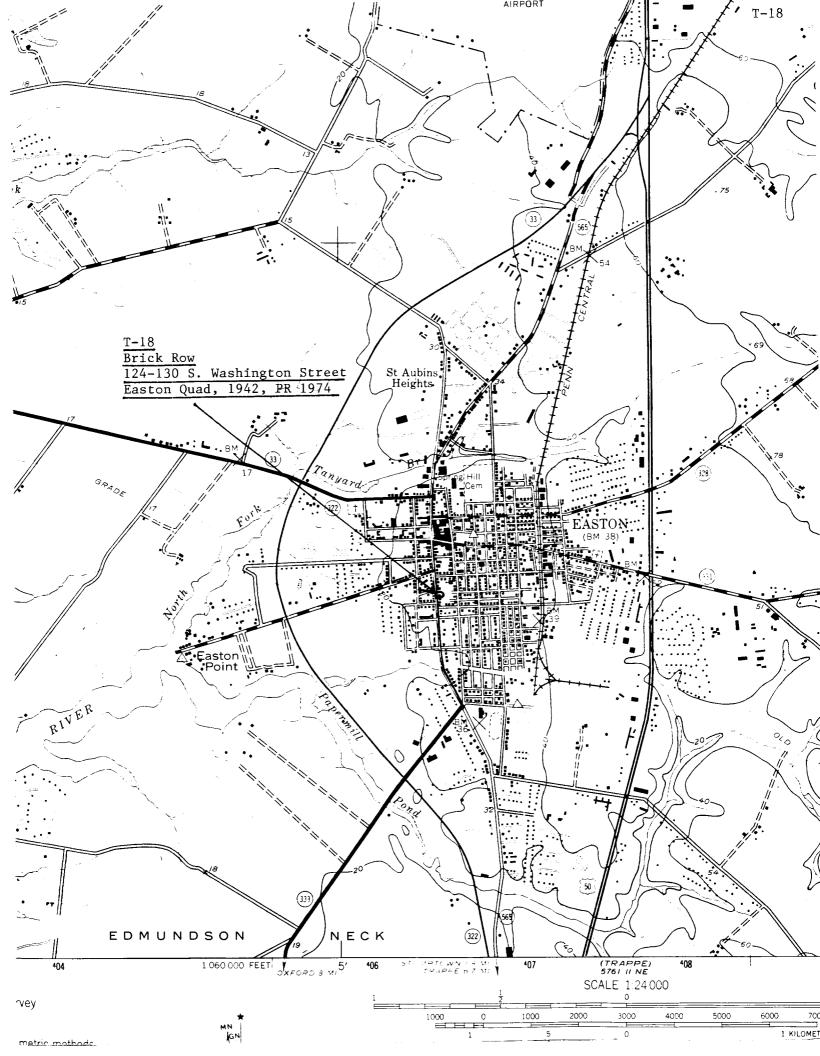
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